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AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KABUL IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM'S TRIP

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300810Z; (D) JIDDA 4839; (E) PARIS 20813; (F) LONDON 10398;
(G) NEW DELHI 10037

1. FOR TEHRAN - REFS B AND C-UNDER SECRETARY APPRECIATES
DCM'S INVITATION TO ATTEND HIS DINNER. HOWEVER, IN VIEW
LATE ARRIVAL TIME AND UNCERTAINTY FLIGHT WILL BE ON TIME

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BELIEVE BEST NOT ACCEPT INVITATION BUT WILL TRY TO DROP
BY DCM'S HOUSE LATER ON. IN LIGHT OF REF C, PRESUMING
WE USE YOUR C-12 AIRCRAFT ON THE TEHRAN-NEW DELHI-KABUL
LEG OF THE TRIP, DOES IT SEEM MORE PRACTICAL TO SHIFT
REFUELING STOP TO KARACHI FROM ZAHEDAN? WE EXPECT SUCH
A SHIFT WOULD NOT ADD APPRECIABLY TO TIME ON-ROUTE TO
DELHI, EVEN IF WE MUST OVERFLY RAHIMYAR KHAN. HELPFUL

TO HAVE YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS POINT.

2. FOR NEW DELHI AND KABUL: REF C - ON NEW DELHI-KABUL LEG, WE ESTIMATE THAT FLYING VIA RAHIMYAR KHAN AND LAHORE, WITH FUEL STOP AT ISLAMABAD AIRPORT WOULD ADD ABOUT 50 MINUTES TO THE FLIGHT. ACCORDINGLY, IF WE MUST PROCEED

IN THIS FASHION WE WOULD PLAN ONE HOUR EARLIER DEPARTURE FROM NEW DELHI (0800) WITH ARRIVAL TIME IN KABUL (1130).

3. FOR ISLAMABAD -- IN VIEW REF C EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH GOP TO REQUEST CLEARANCES WELL IN ADVANCE OF PLANNED OVERFLIGHT. ALSO, APPRECIATE ANYTHING WHICH YOU CAN DO TO SHORTEN OVERFLIGHT TIME, (I.E., ELIMINATE NECESSITY FOR OVERFLIGHT OF RAHIMYAR KHAN ON DELHI-KABUL LEG AND FUEL STOP IN ISLAMABAD, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.) WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON FLYING TIME ESTIMATED IN TWO PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT FUEL STOPS WOULD NOT INCLUDE MORE THAN MINIMAL PROTOCOL ACTIVITIES, IF ANY.

4. FOR JIDDA -- REF D - UNDER SECRETARY AND FORBES ACCEPT WITH PLEASURE AMBASSADOR'S INVITATION. SCHEDULE AS PROPOSED LOOKS GOOD.

5. FOR LONDON AND PARIS -- WE HAVE CHANGED DEPARTURE
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TIME FROM LONDON TO JULY 21 0730 VIA AF 807, TO ARRIVE IN PARIS AT 0930. ALSO FOR LONDON, UNDER SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE FOR BOTH EVENINGS OF 19TH AND 20TH SHOULD BE KEPT FREE. FOR PARIS, REF E, NEWSOM CONCURS WITH PROPOSED SCHEDULE, INCLUDING WORKING LUNCH HOSTED BY SECRETARY GENERAL SOUTOU.

6. FOR KABUL: EMBASSY SHOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES TO REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR C-12 TRANSPORTING NEWSOM PARTY. PLEASE CONFIRM APPROVAL OF FLIGHT ASAP.

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